

GPO ILS Rollout

GPO's Office of Bibliographic Services (OBS) is in the final implementation stages of the new Integrated Library System (ILS). The following timetable outlines the steps necessary for OBS to switch to full production of Phase One ILS functionality. We regret that these steps may temporarily inconvenience those who rely upon GPO cataloging and bibliographic products, but they are necessary to provide you with enhanced service. Everything possible will be done to minimize this disruption.

Implementation Timetable

From April 11 through May 13, preparations for the final data load and indexing activities for the ILS will take place. During this period there will be reduced cataloging production, although GPO will make every effort to catalog high-priority publications promptly. Cataloging activity on OCLC will be limited to new record production.

Until May 13, GPO will add records to the *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cgp/index.html>. After May 13, the CGP database will be frozen.

From May 16 until June 1, GPO will suspend providing bibliographic records to the Library of Congress and other users. After June 1, GPO will resume providing cataloging records. Additional details on bibliographic record distribution will be available in May.

From May 16 until June 1, GPO will suspend all cataloging activity on OCLC. Regular cataloging production activities will resume June 1, and ongoing database maintenance activities in Aleph will begin.

From May 16, until June 1, GPO will answer users' inquiries about bibliographic services. However, in order to assure maximum data integrity, record modifications cannot be performed until after June 1, when the final record load and indexing will be complete. After June 1 GPO will fulfill all necessary record modification requests received during this temporary implementation period.

Beginning June 1 through approximately June 10, the ILS will be available for testing. Additional details on the testing protocols will be available in May.

On June 13, GPO expects to open the online catalog to general public use.

Features of the new online catalog include:

- Broader coverage with records dating from July 1976 with daily updates.
- Logical subsets of records that can be searched separately:

- Online publications/ "New Electronic Titles".
- Serials/Periodicals.
- MetaLib for federated searching of other catalogs and resources.

GPO appreciates your patience during this transitional period, and thanks you for your continued support.

News and Inquiries

News about GPO's ILS rollout is available at the *National Bibliography Program* page on GPO Access at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/cip/index.html.

If you have questions or comments, please use the GPO online help service at:

<http://gpo.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/gpo.cfg/php/enduser/ask.php>

To ensure that your question is routed to the correct area, please choose the category "Federal Depository Libraries" and the appropriate subcategory "Cataloging".

You may also contact the GPO Customer Contact Center at 866-512- 1800, (Toll-free), or at 202-512-1800, (DC Metropolitan Area) Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 9:00 pm, EST.
